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1. WH AND STATE LABEL AS SPECULATIVE, COMPLETE FABRICATION, WITHOUT FOUNDATION REPORT OF GKR PLEAS TO REMOVE LON NOL (PHINQ; WP, AP).

2. CAMBODIAN RAIDS END TONIGHT (PHINQ). US PLANES BOMB AROUND-THE-CLOCK AS HALT NEARS (CHITRIB, AP; NYDN, UPI). SCHMIDT (CSM) REPORTS AIR OF RESIGNATION AT DOD AND STATE AS ACTIVE WAR ROLE APPROACHES END. HEAVY BOMBING NEAR POCHENTONG, WHERE UP TO 4,000 INSURGENTS POISED TO ATTACK (AP CHITRIB, SUN). AIR FRANCE AND UTA CEASE PP SERVICE (BROWNE, NYT).

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3. DOD SAYS SOME US WARPLANES WILL REMAIN IN SE ASIA AS DETERRENT, WITH PRESENCE JUSTIFIED BY SEATO TREATY (CHITRIB, AP). DOD SPOKESMAN STATES UNARMED TRANSPORT AND RECON SORTIES WILL CONTINUE PAST AUG. 15, BUT PROTECTION NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS CONGRESS CHANGES LAW (PHINQ; SUN; SCHMIDT, CSM; CHITRIB; UPI; WP, AP). TROOP REDUCTIONS AND US BASE CLOSINGS IN THAILAND PROBABLE AFTER BOMBING HALT (WP, AP).

4. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER DENIES ANEW APPLICATION TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION TO CONSIDER CONSTITUTIONALITY OF CAMBODIAN BOMBING (PHINQ; WP; NYT, AP).

5. SPOKESMAN BRAY SAYS NO RECORDS CAN BE LOCATED INDICATING STATE REQUESTED SECRECY IN 1969-70 CAMBODIAN BOMBING AS STATED BY LAIRD (WP).

6. UPI'S FOA REPORTS RESURGENCE IN POPULAR SUPPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR SIHANOUK IN PP (WP). MANSFIELD OFFICE STATES NO RECEIPT YET OF SIHANOUK MESSAGE (WP, AP). SIHANOUK TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE AUG 15 (WP). GKR MIN INFO REPORTS HOLDING INFORMAL TALKS WITH KR (NYDN, UPI; SUN, AP).

7. LULL IN INSURGENT PUSH ON PP, GKR CONSOLIDATING PERIMETER (SUN, AP). GKR ABANDONS STRATEGIC TOWN OF SKOUN 35 MI N. OF PP (AP CHITRIB, SUN; PHINQ; WP; BROWNE, NYT). GKR PLANS ABANDON UP TO 12 ISOLATED TOWNS AND MILITARY POSTS BY AUG. 15 SINCE TOO COSTLY TO DEFEND WITHOUT US BOMBING (SUN).

8. TWO CLASHES BETWEEN KI AND VC/NVA REPORTED DUE TO LATTER'S LOOTING, BURNING HOUSES AND POOR TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS (AP CHITRIB, SUN; WP). KIRK (CHITRIB) REPORTS PRAKAR VILLAGE RESIDENTS, 15 MI S. OF PP, TELL IN TAM THAT FANK TROOPS LOOTED THEIR HOMES AND THEN TRIED TO CALL IN AIR STRIKES TO HIDE EVIDENCE; FAILED WHEN LOCAL COMMANDERS HEEDED VILLAGERS' PLEAS. INCIDENT SHOWS POORLY-LED FANK'S FURTHER DEMORALIZATION.

9. SEIDEN (SUN) SAYS FANK TROOPS CONFUSED AND WORRIED BY REPORTS OF UPCOMING BOMBING HALT; MANY CANNOT BELIEVE THAT IT WILL OCCUR. BROWNE (NYT) REPORTS PP CALM WITH ARRIVAL, WITHOUT INCIDENT, OF MEKONG CONVOY AND TRUCK CONVOY FROM BATTAMBANG. NYT (AFP) TELLS OF ONE-DAY VISIT YESTERDAY TO PP OF GUERRILLA EXPERT SIR ROBERT THOMPSON, WHO MET WITH LON NOL AND IN TAM AFTER EMBASSY BRIEFINGS.

10. USDA ANNOUNCES CAMBODIA WILL RECEIVE \$10.8 MILLION IN FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS THIS YEAR; INCLUDING 35,000 TONS RICE (WP; NYDN, AP).

11. LIPPMAN (WP) SEES GVN UNLIKELY INVADE CAMBODIA OR TAKE SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTION AFTER AUG. 15 DESPITE WIDESPREAD CONCERN THAT PP MAY FALL AND SOMETIMES BELLICOSE STATEMENTS BY ARVN MILITARY COMMANDERS. GVN HAS NO TROOPS TO SPARE, WOULD RECEIVE NO US SUPPORT FOR SUCH VENTURE, COULD ALIENATE CONGRESS, UNCLASSIFIED

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MIGHT INCITE NVA AND VC TO RENEW HEAVY FIGHTING, AND INVASION PROBABLY WOULD REPEAT 1970 AND RESULT IN NO LONG-RANGE GAINS. PHINQ REPORTS GVN WARNS HANOI GET OUT OF CAMBODIA, BUT MAKES NO INVASION THREATS.

12. UPI'S SEIBERT (PHINQ) RELATES STORY OF VC DEFECTOR WHO TELLS OF HIGH DEATH RATE IN RED-HELD AREAS OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE FROM MALARIA AND HEMORRHAGIC DENGUE, AND OF BROKEN COMMUNIST PROMISES AT RESETTLEMENT SITE.

KOREA

13. WIDE COVERAGE IS GIVEN REAPPEARANCE OF KIM DAE JUNG IN SEOUL, AND HIS CLAIMS HE WAS KIDNAPPED AND DRUGGED IN TOKYO AND SPIRITED INTO SK BY GROUP OF KOREAN-SPEAKING PERSONS WHO HE SAYS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF "SAVE-THE-NATION FEDERATION" (SUN, PEPPER IN TOKYO), OR "ACTION CORPS OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION UNION" (NYT). KIM SPEAKS TO NEWSMEN IN SEOUL, HAS SCRATCH OVER LEFT EYE, BRUISE ON NOSE

AND BANDAGED WRISTS (NYT). PEPPER REPORTS EXPERIENCED KOREAN NEWSMEN SAYING THEY HAVE NEVER HEARD OF "SAVE-THE-NATION FEDERATION," AND THINKS VERY FACT KIM WAS PERMITTED TALK WITH NEWSMEN -- IN COUNTRY WITH TIGHTLY CONTROLLED PRESS, AND AFTER "APPARENTLY COORDINATED EFFORT TO ALERT" NEWS MEDIA -- SUGGESTS ROKG "WAS BEHIND THE WHOLE INCIDENT."

14. CSM'S POND REPORTS FROM TOKYO THAT IF PARK REGIME BECOMES ASSOCIATED WITH KIM KIDNAPPING, IT COULD ROIL SEOUL'S RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AT TIME WHEN JOINT MINISTERIAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THEM, INTENDED TO PRODUCE CLOSER ECONOMIC COOPERATION, ARE DUE IN FEW WEEKS. SEOUL MAY ALSO HAVE SOME AWKWARD EXPLAINING AT UN KOREAN SESSION. FURTHERMORE, KIDNAPPING MAY WELL GIVE KIM MARTYR IMAGE THAT COULD HINDER PARK REGIME'S APPARENT INTENTIONS OF JAILING HIM. AHN (WP) REPORTS THAT KIM'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON, LEE KUN PAL, ACCUSES ROK UNCLASSIFIED

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CIA OF PLOTTING KIM KIDNAPPING. WP ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT KIM BY PHONE AT SEOUL HOME FAILED YESTERDAY WHEN LINE WAS TWICE DISCONNECTED.

15. ROK ARRESTS OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTIVISTS ON CHARGES THAT MOST KOREAN CHURCH OFFICIALS REGARD AS FABRICATIONS IS MATTER OF CONTINUING CONCERN TO CHURCH LEADERS IN US AND ELSEWHERE (NYT, FISKE).

JAPAN

16. JAPAN EX-IM BANK PRES. SCHEDULED LEAVE TOKYO AUG. 19 FOR US AND RUSSIA TO SOUND OUT BOTH ON TERMS OF CREDITS TO BE EXTENDED FOR DEVELOPMENT NATURAL GAS RESOURCES PROJECTS IN E. SIBERIA (JOC, CULLISON).

17. WSJ'S MARTIN OBSERVES THAT WORSENING SHORTAGES OF MANY MATERIALS ARE BEGINNING SEVERELY TO AFFECT JAPANESE ECONOMY, GOJ AND BUSINESS OFFICIALS REPORT. RESULTS ARE ACCELERATION OF WHOLESALE AND -- EVENTUALLY -- CONSUMER PRICES, AND REDUCTION IN EXPORTS AND POSSIBLE SLOWDOWN IN PACE OF JAPAN'S ECON GROWTH RATE SOONER THAN EXPECTED.

CHINA

18. SINO-JAPAN TRADE NEGOTS, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN TOKYO YESTERDAY, POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY; BUT BOTH COUNTRIES REMAIN CONVINCED THEY CAN WORK OUT AGREEMENT GUARANTEED TO ROCKET 2-WAY TRADE TO \$2 BILLION LEVEL BY END OF YEAR (JOC).

19. USDA'S FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL MAG, CITING PRELIMINARY PRC REPORTS, SAYS GOOD CROP OF EARLY GRAINS HAS BEEN HARVESTED THIS SPRING IN CHINA -- POSSIBLY EQUALING OR SURPASSING LAST YEAR'S EXCELLENT EARLY GRAIN HARVEST (JOC).

20. USS ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS INC., SET UP IN 1969 BY US STEEL TO OFFER TECHNICAL SERVICE ABROAD, WILL HELP BUILD 1.5-MILLION-TON-A-YEAR INTEGRATED UNCLASSIFIED

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STEEL PLANT IN TAIWAN, SLATED FOR OPERATION BY 1977 (WSJ).

SEATO

21. NYT'S GWERTZMAN REPORTS SEC. ROGERS PLANS MEETING WITH SEATO ENVOYS IN NY NEXT MONTH TO PUT STRESS ON NON-MIL ASPECTS OF ORGANIZATION (ART. III) AS WAY OF KEEPING IT ALIVE, ACCORDING DOS OFFICIALS YESTERDAY. THAIS SAID WELCOMING NEW APPROACH AS PRESERVING SECURITY LINK TO US WHILE AT SAME TIME LEADING TO POSSIBLE AID INCREASE.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

22. CSM PREDICTS LONG AND CONTROVERSIAL POST MORTEM ABOUT WHOLE US INDOCHINA VENTURE. WAS IT NECESSARY, OR EVER IN BEST INTEREST OF US? HOW MUCH MUST US ROLE BE REDUCED IN WAKE OF LESS THAN VICTORIOUS END TO INDOCHINA VENTURE? FINDS ONE THING ALREADY CLEAR: EXTENT OF REDUCTION OF US INFLUENCE AROUND THE WORLD WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON HOW PROMPTLY WASHINGTON ACTS TO REPAIR ITS PRESENT MILITARY INADEQUACIES. CONTENTS INDOCHINA EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT BOMBING IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR COMBAT INFANTRY, AND WONDERS IF DOD, IN REMAKING ITS MILITARY MACHINE, HAS ITS PRIORITIES RIGHT.

23. NYT DECLARES THAT SIHANOUK'S CABLE TO MANSFIELD OFFERING US "PEACE WITH HONOR" IF IT WILL WITHDRAW ALL SUPPORT FROM LON NOL IS "BEST PROPOSITION IN SIGHT." SUN REVIEWS SIHANOUK'S "PEACE WITH HONOR" PROPOSAL AND THINKS MANSFIELD MAY HAVE BEEN CORRECT IN ASSESSING SIHANOUK AS CAMBODIA'S MOST PLAUSIBLE LEADER. RECOMMENDS "ANTI-SIHANOUK OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON" SHED THEIR PREJUDICES AND PERMIT USE MANSFIELD'S GOOD OFFICES. SAYS SHOULD SIHANOUK RETURN TO POWER IN PP, HIS MAIN ASSETS WILL BE WIDE DEGREE OF DOMESTIC POPULARITY AND PEKING BACKING. AGAINST THIS, HOWEVER, HE WILL HAVE TO RECKON WITH UNFRIENDLY PRESSURES FROM

HANOI, MOSCOW AND FROM DOMESTIC ELEMENTS WHO OPPOSE
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HIM AS STRONGLY AS THEY OPPOSED LON NOL. IN SUCH
SITUATION, STEADY, LOW-PROFILE FORBEARANCE, IF NOT
SUPPORT, FROM US MIGHT BE CRITICAL FACTOR IN BRINGING
CAMBODIA SOME MEASURE OF PEACE AND STABILITY.

24. MILTON VIORST (S-N AUG. 13), HOLDING THAT
NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS INSTITUTIONALIZED LYING
AS OFFICIAL TECHNIQUE, INDICATES SOME SKEPTICISM
WHETHER CAMBODIA BOMBING WILL STOP. WP REVIEWS
RECORD OF US MILITARY OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA,
EMPHASIZING ITS INCONSISTENCY WITH NIXON DOCTRINE.
FINDS THAT INSTEAD OF APPLYING DOCTRINE, PRES. HAS
BEEN TALKING ABOUT TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES -- FOR WHICH
HE IS PLEASED TO HOLD CONGRESS ACCOUNTABLE --

OF "ABANDONING A FRIEND," AND THREATENING SOME SORT
OF REPRISALS AGAINST "FRESH AGGRESSION OR FURTHER
VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS" BY NVN. CONCLUDES
THAT IF DOCTRINE IS SOUND AS PRES. PROFESSES, HE CAN
PROVE SO BY TAKING CUE FROM CONGRESS AND APPLYING IT
HIMSELF. WSJ EXPECTS THAT DARK HEADLINES WILL CONTINUE
TO EMERGE FROM CAMBODIA, AND PERHAPS FROM SVN AFTER
AUG. 15 BOMBING HALT. QUESTIONS EXTENSION OF CUT-OFF TO
COVER NOT ONLY CAMBODIA BUT ALL OF INDOCHINA, SAYING, "WE
WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO RETAIN THE OPTIOOF USING B52S
IN SOTH VIETNAM IN CASE OF AN ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE" (BY NVL
CONCLUDES MEANING OF BOMBING DEADLINE IS THAT HENCEFORTH
US POWER WILL BE USED MORE PRUDENTLY IF MORE SELFISHLY;
THAT IN FUTURE WE WILL BE FAR LESS INCLINED TO DO FOR OUR
FRIENDS WHAT THEY SEEM UNABLE TO DO FOR THEMSELVES.

25. NYT ASSERTS THAT ADM. MOORER'S TESTIMONY LAST WEEK
EXPLAINING WHY DOUBLE SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING B52 FLIGHTS
WAS SET UP NEVER MORE BLUNTLY REVEALED GROTESQUE SCALE OF
VALUES THAT GUIDED CAMBODIA BOMBING. CITES MOORER AS
SAYING DUAL REPORTS WERE NECESSARY BECAUSE COMPUTER
HAD TO KNOW WHAT B52S WERE UP TO. IN OTHER WORDS, NYT
SAYS, TWO SEPARATE RECORDS HAD TO BE KEPT - ONE TO KEEP
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TRUTH FROM PEOPLE, ANOTHER TO TELL TRUTH TO COMPUTER.

26. PHINQ PUBLISHES ARTICLE BY SEN. HUGHES EXCORIATING
SECRECY, DECEPTION AND FALSIFICATION OF OFFICIAL RECORDS
RELATING TO CAMBODIAN BOMBING.

27. NYT'S KANN, IN VIENTIANE, DISCUSSES LAOTIAN SITUATION

AT LENGTH. NOTES THAT FIGHTING HAS ALL BUT ENDED, AND FINAL STAGES OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON IMPLEMENTING FEB. 21 AGREEMENT ARE PROCEEDING. ALL DIPLOMATS IN VIENTIANE, FROM AMERICANS TO NORTH VIETNAMESE, PROCLAIM OPTIMISM THAT IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOLS WILL BE SIGNED WITHIN A WEEK AND THAT NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL BE INSTALLED WITHIN A MONTH. FOR US, COALITION SETTLEMENT OFFERS FACE-SAVING WAY OUT OF SIDESHOW WAR THAT AMERICA NEVER FOUGHT WITH VICTORY IN MIND; NOR HAS SOVIET OR PRC ANYTHING TO LOSE BY LAO COALITION SETTLEMENT. PARENTHETICALLY NOTES THAT NO COALITION GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO INTERFERE WITH CHINA'S MYSTERIOUS ROAD-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AT NORTHERN TIP OF LAOS; CHINESE HAVE NEVER EXPLAINED WHY ROADS BEING BUILT AND LAO, BEING POLITE, HAVE NEVER ASKED. CITES MANY DIPLOMATS AND OTHERS AS PREDICTING THAT WITHIN SEVERAL YEARS LAOS WILL ACHIEVE NATIONAL UNITY AND PERHAPS EVEN RECONCILIATION. ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT SEES LAOS EMERGING AS KIND OF TITOIST MINISTATE. ASSERTS THAT WHEN PEACE PROTOCOLS ARE SIGNED, LAOS WILL BE HAILED BY OUTSIDE WORLD AS BENEFICIARY OF GREAT-POWER DETENTE. BUT PEACE IN LAOS PROBABLY HAS LESS TO DO WITH NIXON, BREZHNEV AND CHOU THAN WITH LAO THEMSELVES AND WITH PECULIAR NATURE OF LAOS. LAOS HAS PULLED OUT OF INDOCHINA WAR NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OUTSIDE POWERS WANT PEACE THERE AS BECAUSE -- AFTER YEARS OF USING LAOS AS PAWN IN HIGHER-STAKE GAMES -- OUTSIDE POWERS NO LONGER CAN FIND ANY GOOD REASON WHY LAOS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN PEACE, TO WORK OUT ITS OWN PROBLEMS IN ITS OWN PECULIAR WAYS. ALL LAOS EVER REALLY REQUIRED IS BENIGN NEGLECT FROM OUTSIDERS.

28. BARTLETT (S-N AUG. 13) SEES SUFFICIENT STABILITY IN PRC FOR CHINESE LEADERSHIP TO HOLD CP AND PEOPLE'S CONGRESSES. SAYS SCENE APPEARS RIPE FOR EFFORTS
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TO ESTABLISH MORE SOLID POLITICAL BASE FOR NEEDED ECON DECISIONS. NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT NO FORMAL NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO HOLD CONCLAVES. TOO MUCH NOTICE WILL STIR TOO MUCH FERMENT AMONG GROUPS TO BE DOWNGRADED -- CHIEFLY, ARMY AND GPCR HEROES. MAINTAINS THAT FEW BELIEVE CHOU WILL PLACE HIMSELF IN LINE OF SUCCESSION, CITING CHINA-WATCHERS AS BELIEVING THAT HONOR MAY POSSIBLY GO TO CHANG CHIN-CHIAO, IDENTIFIED AS SHANGHAI PARTY LEADER WHO HAS SHOWN CONSIDERABLE SKILL AT BRIDGING IDEOLOGICAL CHASMS. S-N'S BRADSHAW (AUG 13), IN HONG KONG, OBSERVES INCREASING SIGNS OF POWER STRUGGLE ON EVE OF SELECTION OF NEW CCP LEADERSHIP. SAYS COUNTER-ATTACK AGAINST CREEPING RESURGENCE OF POLICIES CONTRARY TO MAO'S THINKING HAS INTENSIFIED. NOTES THAT IN NAME OF MAO, AND PROBABLY WITH HIS BACKING, ARTICLES

ARE ATTACKING PRAGMATIC POLICIES WHICH MAO TRIED TO BANISH DURING GPCR. CITES PEKING REPORTS OF MAO BEING BACK IN ACTION AND OF INTENSIVE ACTIVITY SUGGESTIVE OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING AT GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE. SOME SOURCES SAY 10TH CCP CONGRESS WILL BE HELD BEGINNING THIS WEEK. SAYS WHETHER CONGRESS WOULD LAY DOWN CLEAR-CUT POLICY LINES REMAINS UNCERTAIN, ADDING THERE IS PRECEDENT FOR COMPROMISES THAT WOULD LEAVE POLICIES UNCLEAR AND ALLOW CONTINUING INFIGHTING.

29. LAT'S DAVID LAMB DOES PIECE ON ALICE SPRINGS (IN AUSTRALIA) WHICH 80,000 TOURISTS WILL VISIT THIS YEAR AND SPEND \$7 MILLION JUST TO SEE "WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE NOWHERE". SAYS BIGGEST ATTRACTION AROUND IS AYERS ROCK - 280 MILES AWAY.

30. LAT'S JACK FOISIE (AUG. 13) IN GUAM WRITES ARTICLE ABOUT INFLUX OF JAPANESE TOURISTS AND INVESTORS IN GUAM AND TTPI. FINDS LOCAL INHABITANTS GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TO JAPANESE VISITORS/INVESTORS. SAYS AMERICAN INVESTORS ARE JUST STARTING TO "DISCOVER" TRUST ISLANDS AS POTENTIAL SOURCES OF GREAT FISHERIES AND MINERALS. IT HAS TURNED INTO RACE BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICANS ULTIMATELY TO DOMINATE MICRONESIA.
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CITES GUAMANIAN BANKER AS SAYING THAT GUAM IS CLOSER BY AIR TO JAPAN THAN MAINLAND, OR EVEN HAWAII, "SO WE MUST CONSIDER THAT OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE RELATES TO THEIRS. ROGERS

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